Issue 6. The Survivors

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EXITS. <u>INT. SUPPORT GROUP MEETING ROOM - DAY</u>

BEN SITS AMONG A DOZEN SURVIVORS.

MALE SURVIVOR

We thought you must have died in the collapse. How did you get out?!

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BEN

Well you see, as the ground gave way beneath me, I jumped at a moment JUST SUCH that as I fell I floated between the floors, ultimately landing softly atop the rubble. I would have said good bye, but by then I was quite tired.

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FEMALE SURVIVOR

Carrying twelve people down eighty flights of stairs. We couldn’t even make out your face through all the smoke. I can still hear you coughing and sneezing.

Panel 4

BEN

Yes, the coughing, the sneezing. The wheezing.

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MALE SURVIVOR 2

A brave cough. And a very distinctive sneeze.

FEMALE SURVIVOR 2

The sneeze stood out to me as well.

Panel 2

AGREEMENT FROM THE ROOM. "YES. THE SNEEZE."

Panel 3

FEMALE SURVIVOR

It was the sneeze of a hero.

BEN
(feigning modesty)

Well... yes.

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MALE SURVIVOR 2
(raising his coffee cup)

TO Benjamin Grimm!

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INT. JERRY'S SAAB - NIGHT

Reed IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT NEXT TO hellcat, HIS DATE.

Hellcat

I had a great time tonight. It's so nice to forget about this tragedy for a few hours.

Panel 2

Reed

You've been volunteering at Ground Zero all week; even the search dogs deserve a night out. Send 'em to Le Cirque - I'll pay!

Panel 3

BECCA

You're really sweet. See you soon?

JERRY

Definitely.

BOTH SMILE AND LEAN IN FOR THE KISS UNTIL JERRY FREEZES.

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FROM **JERRY'S POV** WE SEE A SPECK OF DUST IN BECCA'S TEETH.

Panel 2 BECCA OPENS HER EYES, CONFUSED, AS JERRY RECOILS.

BECCA

...What?

Panel 3

UNSURE, JERRY AWKWARDLY MOTIONS TO HIS TEETH.